AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 6 as follows:

Clients 28 and suppliers access the information through a digital interface 28 and restriction of component program 30. The restriction program 30 includes predetermined levels of access and privilege rules. Generally, the rules include a definition of the users or groups permitted access to the information, and a list of the parties authorized to add, delete, or modify the information. More particularly, the restriction program (component) 30 includes a number of unique identification codes, each of which corresponds to a level of access to information in the database 20. The unique identification codes are stored in the restriction program (component) 30 in a file or record. Additionally, the software of the digital interface 28 is operable to receive a unique identification code from a user and then search the record of the restriction program (component) 30 for that unique identification code. Once found, the digital interface 28 will ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and then limit access to the information in the database 20 according to the ascertained level of access. For example As such, information may be accessed via the digital interface 28 and the restriction component 30. The Accordingly, the system provides access for the suppliers 32 to the information category 23 via the digital interface 28 and restriction component 30. The system permits the provider 21 global access to any and all information, as well as full privilege and control over the entire corpus of information as well as the database scheme.